

## REPLACEMENT SHEET

### (I) CLAIM OR CLAIMS.

- 1) (ORIGINAL) The ring mute is a mute that attaches onto and around the rim of the bell of a brass musical instrument, comprising: a sound dampening absorbent flexible foam material with an adhesive strip attached to the outer surface of the ring; and a scalpel incision on the inside middle of the ring extending the entire middle circumference of the inner area of the ring.
- 2) (ORIGINAL) The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, is a sound absorbent flexible urethane foam material ring 1.25 inches wide and .625 inches thick with a .25 deep scalpel incision extending the entire middle circumference of the inner area of the ring.
- 3) (CANCELLED) The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, by being attached onto and around the rim of the bell of a brass musical instrument instead of being placed into the bell of the brass musical instrument (as all other mutes are) causes no apparent air blow resistance.
- 4) (CANCELLED) The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, by being attached onto and around the rim of the bell of a brass musical instrument instead of being placed in the bell of the brass instrument causes no apparent change in pitch.
- 5) (ORIGINAL) The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, possesses a flexible, non-porous adhesive strip 1 inch wide attached to the outer area of the ring encircling the outer area of the ring.
- 6) (CANCELLED) The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, dampens the sound causing the musical expressivity of a smooth, rounded and smoky sound.

## DELETED SHEET

### ~~WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:~~

- 1) The ring mute is a mute that attaches onto and around the rim of the bell of a brass musical instrument, comprising a sound dampening absorbent flexible foam material with an adhesive strip attached to the outer surface of the ring, and a scalpel incision on the inside middle of the ring extending the entire middle circumference of the inner area of the ring.
- 2) The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, is a sound absorbent flexible urethane foam material ring 1.25 inches wide and .625 inches thick with a .25 deep scalpel incision extending the entire middle circumference of the inner area of the ring.
- 3) The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, by being attached onto and around the rim of the bell of a brass musical instrument instead of being placed into the bell of the brass musical instrument (as all other mutes are) causes no apparent air blow resistance.
- 4) The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, by being attached onto and around the rim of the bell of a brass musical instrument instead of being placed in the bell of the brass instrument causes no apparent change in pitch.
- 5) The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, possesses a flexible, non-porous adhesive strip 1 inch wide attached to the outer area of the ring encircling the outer area of the ring.
- 6) The ring mute as set forth in claim 1, dampens the sound causing the musical expressivity of a smooth, rounded and smoky sound.

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